

BIRCHWOOD

ELEMENTARY

Weekly Bulletin -- March 5, 2015



Message from the Co-Presidents

Students thoroughly enjoyed the Bubble Mania assembly this past Friday. Thank you for your support of all our PTO activities and events. It's because of your fundraising dollars that we are able to provide our students with Arts in Ed assemblies and so much more.

Fun Fair is rapidly approaching and will take place on Friday, March 13 from 6-8 PM. Thank you to those who have already signed up to [volunteer](#), but we need MANY more hands to help the Fun Fair committee run this event and make it a success. Please consider donating an hour of your time that evening to help out. Although it's a fun night and one that the kids look forward to each year, it is an important fundraiser for us.

With Spring right around the corner, it's that time when the PTO starts planning for next year. We would love to answer any questions from anyone interested in a leadership role in the PTO next year. The positions of Co-President, VP for Fundraising, VP for Programs and Services, and Secretary will need volunteers. Please join our monthly PTO meeting next week (Wed, March 11 at 6:30 PM) or contact either of us directly.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew

With Birchwood Pride,
Deb and JoMarie



Friday the 13th...the perfect night for FUN FAIR 2015!

Never fear, there's no bad luck at Fun Fair! Everyone's a winner at this favorite Birchwood family event, so plan to attend next Friday from 6-8 PM. Come check out some of the new carnival games we've added and exciting new special activities we have scheduled from 6-7:30 PM. This year some of Niskayuna High School's most talented art students will be doing caricature drawings and face paintings. We'll also have a professional balloon artist joining us. At 7:30 PM, we're all in for a treat as members of Birchwood's Drama Club will be giving us a *special sneak peak preview of their upcoming performance of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*...followed by the much anticipated annual Staff Raffle! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information. See you next week!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We still need LOTS of volunteers to help with Fun Fair! Please [volunteer](#) to help out for an hour that evening. Giving an hour of your time really does make a difference and ensures the success of this event. Thank you! We also still need about 6 more 10'x10' or 12'x'12' canopies for the carnival booths. If you have not done so already (thanks to those we have heard from!), please contact [Tara McKenna](#) or [Deb Foley](#) if you have a canopy we can borrow that day. Thanks again!



Staff Appreciation Luncheon is right around the corner!

Mark your calendars- Thurs., March 12th (it's also a half day).

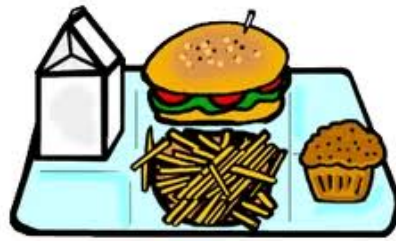
Please help us provide a nice lunch for our "TOTE"tally Amazing Birchwood Staff.

To sign up to bring food, make a donation or volunteer to help, please click on this [sign up link](#) or contact [Suzanne Brooksby](#)

Thanks for all that you do!

Mark Your Calendars!

- March 6: Conference Day (10:45am dismissal)
- March 10: [Board of Education Meeting](#) (VA, 7pm)
- March 11: [Birchwood PTO Meeting](#) (6:30pm)
- March 12: Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- March 12: Conference Day (10:45am dismissal)
- March 13: Popcorn Friday and School banking
- March 13: [Fun Fair](#) (6-8pm)
- March 19: Birchwood 1,000 Book Kickoff (6pm)
- March 20: No School



Birchwood's Lunch Menu is posted [HERE](#).

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In order to take advantage of the discounted price, yearbook orders must be paid in full by March 24.



5th Grade ORCHESTRA Families:

Please mark the following dates for your child -- Festival Orchestra Practice:
Mondays March 2, 9, 16, 23

Students will ride a BUS to high school each Monday (2:10 PM). Students will need a RIDE HOME (3:45PM)

Niskayuna Orchestra Festival: March 25, 2015 (AM rehearsal @Proctors)
Evening Concert at PROCTORS!

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